[30th March 1959

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Four thousand and twenty-three (4,023) including duty passes issued to Traffic, Technical, ministerial and last grade staff.

Rural Housing Scheme

* 1085 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the number of houses constructed under the Rural Housing Scheme in the North Arcot District in the years 1957 and 1958?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Under the State Rural Housing Scheme, 13 houses were under various stages of construction in the North Arcot District, during the year 1957 of which 11 houses were completed in the year 1958. The construction of seven more houses was taken up in 1958.

Manivilandan Land Colonisation Society

* 1086 *Q.*—SRI T. IRUSAPPAN : கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) ஆத்தூர் தாலூகாவில் மணிவிலந்தான் என்ற கிராமத்தில் ராணுவத்திலிருந்து டிஸ்சார்ஜ் செய்யப்பட்டவர்களுக்குக் கூட்டுப்பண்ணை சர்க்காரால் நடத்தப்பட்டு வந்தது தற்போது கலைக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ?

(ஆ) அந்த இடத்தை என்ன செய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் தீர்மானம் செய்திருக்கிறது ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) The Society has not been liquidated. But the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has instituted an enquiry under section 38 of the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, 1932, into the affairs of the Manivilandan Land Colonisation Society for ex-servicemen, Attur taluk, Salem district for the following reasons :—

(1) Successive failure of monsoon and lack of fertility of the soil combined to contribute to the failure of the scheme. A portion of the land reclaimed was found not congenial for cultivation.

(2) Though the target of membership was 250, only 24 could be enrolled and even out of 24, all except four have deserted the colony to live in surrounding villages.

(3) The working of the society was also generally not satisfactory.

(*b*) After enquiry, if it is decided to cancel the registration of the society and to liquidate the society, it is proposed to assign the lands to the existing members and to any new ex-servicemen, who may apply for assignment till 30th June 1960 at 5 acres each. Thereafter, the land will be made available for all landless poor, as it is not desirable to lock up the land unnecessarily.